

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ANGLO-IRISH FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENT

### Fourth Annual Report

1. This report is submitted in accordance with undertakings by the two Governments to report regularly to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the development of the Free Trade Area. The Third Annual Report (document L/3286) was considered by the Council on 16 December 1969, when the Council took note of the report.
2. The movement towards the establishment of a Free Trade Area between the two countries has progressed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. On 1 July 1970 the Irish side made the fifth annual cut in protective duties applicable to imports from the United Kingdom other than those not in the free-trade sector (Annex A to the Agreement). In addition, a third reduction was made in the effective level of the protective duties on a number of United Kingdom goods which are or were subject to quota restriction (paragraph 3(b) of Article I and Annex B to the Agreement refer).
3. On 1 July 1970 the Irish side made a fifth 10 per cent reduction in protective elements in certain fiscal charges in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article IV of the Agreement.
4. In accordance with arrangements agreed under Article VI the Irish side are continuing to eliminate the quantitative restrictions which remained in operation after 1 July 1966 on goods in the free-trade sector: the elimination continues to be effected on a global basis.
5. The quantitative import restriction on motor tyres of United Kingdom origin, which was mentioned in paragraph 5 of the Third Annual Report, was eliminated on 31 December 1969.

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